

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2533
Version:	Introduced
Author:	Representative Faught
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Impact:	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority – \$60,000- \$100,000 Annual Reduction In Toll Collections

Bill Summary

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The measure exempts emergency vehicles from paying tolls on the turnpike system.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Terry McKenna

HB 2533, as introduced, exempts emergency vehicles from paying turnpike tolls and deletes language limiting the exemption to the performance of official duties connected to emergency services or law enforcement on Oklahoma turnpikes.

Fiscal Analysis

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) advises that any emergency vehicle (fire, EMSA, police, etc.) traveling on the turnpikes while responding to an emergency is not charged for the use. If an emergency services provider's PIKEPASS statement indicates a charge for that emergency response trip, the entity can contact OTA and the charge will be waived. If the emergency trip is in response to an incident on the turnpike, the provider is not charged to and from that emergency incident; all other non-emergency uses of the turnpike are charged the appropriate toll. Tolls are waived for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol which is responsible for enforcing traffic laws and the general laws of the State on the turnpike system. OTA estimates an annual reduction in toll collection of \$60,000 - \$100,000.

EMSA in Oklahoma City and Tulsa report approximately \$8,500 per year combined for non-emergency toll charges, and Muskogee (MCEMS) reports approximately \$4,500. These are the three largest EMS providers using turnpikes in the state.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

Annual Reduction in OTA toll collections

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